

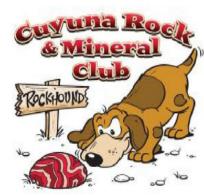


## The Agate Explorer

**June 2018** 

Don't wait to sign up! We need an accurate number to plan, and it could fill up!

# Pebble Pups Day Camp



Friday, June 8: 8:30 to 4 Franklin Arts Center, lower level 1001 Kingwood St., Brainerd

> Saturday, June 9, 9-12 Lake Superior agate pick Brainerd area location

\$25/non-member; \$10 2nd/3rd sibling; \$15 member

Ages groups:

Snacks provided.

Bring own lunch & beverage; refrigeration available.

6-9 and 10-12.

Do you love rocks? Come find out what rocks are in Minnesota. Learn how to pan. Wire wrap your own necklace. And there's more!

> Do you have a mystery rock? Bring it for the Wizard of Rocks to identify!

For more information or to register: www.cuyunarockclub.org, 320-250-8120, or 218-831-2665.

Sponsored by the Cuyuna Rock, Gem, and Mineral Society



Franklin Art Center

### Club Information

## **Meeting Place**

Lower level Franklin Arts Center 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd, MN 56401

#### **Directions**

.4 mile east of Business Hwy. 371 & Hwy. 210 intersection. (Castle turret water tower.)

## Date/Time

the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

## Club Dues

\$20/ family Free /unaccompanied juniors Membership runs from Jan. 1-Dec. 31st.

## Club Calendar

June 8 and 9—Kids' Day Camp June 9—Board mtg. at 12:30; general mtg. at 2; Dr. William Cordua on the Baldwin Boulder July 28—Potluck Picnic August 11 or 12—Get Pickin'

Information subject to change.

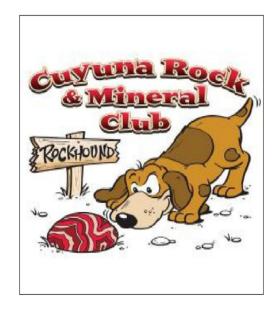
Club Purpose: To foster an interest (& encourage young & old) to study earth science, enjoy the art of lapidary, hunting for rocks, and semi-precious stones. We also strive to use what we know and acquire to further educate everyone who has an interest in our hobby.

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Franklin Arts Center lower level, 1001 Kingwood St., Brainerd
www.cuyunarockclub.org

Friday, June 8 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 9 at 9:00 a.m. to approximately noon
Saturday is field trip to look for Lake Superior agates at Brainerd area location. (In case of inclement weather or unavailability of location an indoor activity will be held at the Franklin Arts Center.)
Information given out Friday afternoon.

Bring a rock for the Wizard to identify! *Cut and save top portion.* 



Ages group: 6-9 and 10-12.
Bring lunch & beverage. Refrigeration available. Snacks provided.
\$15 for Club members \$25 for non-Club members \$10 for sibling (2nd child)
Make checks payable to Cuyuna Rock, Gem, & Mineral Society.
Registration not complete until payment is made.
Rocks are dirty! Please wear appropriate clothing.

| Registration Form           |                                    |  |                                     |    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----|
| Name                        |                                    |  | Age (as of 6/8/2018)                |    |
| Parent/Guardian Name(       | s)                                 |  |                                     |    |
| Phone Number(s)Please list  |                                    |  | that corresponds with each phone #. | .) |
| AddressStreet/box # C       | City Zip                           |  |                                     |    |
| Any medical issues/alle     | rgies?                             |  |                                     |    |
| Who can pick up studen      | t?                                 |  |                                     |    |
| Who cannot pick up stud     | dent?                              |  |                                     |    |
| Member price \$15.00 Refund | Non-member paded only if cancelled |  |                                     | _  |

Please make checks payable to: Cuyuna Rock, Gem, & Mineral Society Mail registration form to: Cuyuna Rock, Gem, & Mineral Society, 1001 Kingwood St., Suite B-40, Brainerd, MN 56401.

#### Rox Box

A place to advertise rock items to sell and to inquire about items to purchase.



The Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Society accepts no responsibility for any dissatisfaction that may occur by either party, seller or buyer. The Society does not profit in any way by sales transactions.

For Sale: Knapped Replica Points;

Many to choose from most priced at \$5 per inch or less. Many made by Cherokee native in Oklahoma.



Contact Harry Wagoner at 218-927-9983 or hpwagy@centurylink.net.

For Sale: Thumler Model B Tumbler 15 lb. capacity; hex steel barrel, rubber liner. 2 units available. \$150 each. Contact Harry Wagoner— 218-927-9983 or hpwagy@centurylink.net



For Sale: 20" Magnum Hydro slab saw by Magnum Engineering. 3 feed system, brand new blade, hydraulic feed is brand new, settling tank coolant system, and



much more. Asking \$1700. Call Butch Goldenstein at 320-252-3335.



For Sale: I have one of these for sale -\$30; Harry Wagoner; hpwagy@centurylink.net or 218-927-



Wanted: Rough specimens of orbicular granite especially from Peru. Also orbicular diorite or other plutonic rocks. Harry A. Wagoner 218-927-9983.

## Mineral Encyclopedia



Rutile

What is Rutile? Rutile is a titanium oxide mineral that is most commonly found

in granites, pegmatites, and metamorphic rocks. It is also found in sands derived from **Diaphaneity** Transparent to subtranslucent the weathering of these rocks. Rutile also forms as slender crystals within quartz and micas. It is a common mineral in the alluvial sands that are dredged for magnetite and ilmenite.

#### **Uses of Rutile**

Rutile is used as a coating on welding rods. It is also used as an ore of titanium, a metal

used where light weight and high strength are needed. Some rutile is used in the production of pigments for paints.

https://geology.com/minerals/

Physical Properties of Rutile Chemical Classification Oxide Color Red, reddish brown, reddish black

**Luster** Adamantine to submetallic

Cleavage Good

*Mohs Hardness* 6 to 6.5 Specific Gravity 4.2 to 4.4

Streak Pale brown

Diagnostic Properties Luster, color Chemical Composition Titanium oxide, TiO2

Crystal System Tetragonal Uses An ore of titanium, pigments, inert coating on welding rods

## **Jewelry Making Tip**

By Brad Smith www.BradSmithJewelry.com

#### **Protecting Finished Surfaces**

I figure that any accidental scratch I make on a piece means about 15 minutes of extra sanding and polishing. So after finishing major surfaces I typically cover them with some masking tape to avoid any scratches when doing final work like cleanups and setting of stones. The blue masking tape used by painters works particularly well because it doesn't leave a sticky residue.



## **3rd Annual Pierz Agate Show & Swap**

June 2nd and 3rd 10am-5pm at 603 Park Ave. SE Pierz MN

**Buying and Selling Lake Superior Agates and** Mineral Specimens.



### **Scott Wolter Agate Display** and Book Signing.

Food Beverages **Kids Activities Door Prizes** Free agates for children. Swimming Camping Family fun

For more info contact TJ's Coin and Currency + Collectibles at 218-831-8706



## An Ancient Horse Unearthed in a Utah Backyard

Paleontologists recently determined that a skeleton discovered during a landscaping project belonged to a horse from the Pleistocene Era.

Paleontologists last week identified the skeleton of a horse from the ice age in Lehi, Utah — a particularly unusual discovery given that much of the western part of the state was underwater until about 14,000 years ago. Buried for thousands of years beneath seven feet of sandy clay, the remains were discovered only when the Hill family began moving dirt around their backyard to build a retaining wall and plant some grass.

Laura Hill said she and her husband, Bridger, uncovered the skeleton last September, but didn't think much of it at first. They wondered if it was a cow; Lehi is about 15 miles from Provo and was once mostly farmland that hugged the edges of nearby Utah Lake. She consulted a neighbor, a geology professor at Brigham Young University, who examined the bones, and guessed they were from a horse from the Pleistocene Era.



#### June Birthdays

| JoAnn Moe      | 6/03 |
|----------------|------|
| Vicki Hanson   | 6/05 |
| Brad Hotchkiss | 6/09 |
| Steve Johnson  | 6/17 |
| Val Lucken     | 6/17 |
| Ryan Larson    | 6/19 |
| Dave Moe       | 6/30 |

#### **June Anniversaries**

Harry & Phyllis Wagoner 6/07 Ron & Judi Dick 6/14 Deb & Ted Mork 6/17 Rod & Joanie Hanson 6/28

## **Sunshine Requests**

If you know someone who could use a little sunshine—birth, illness, surgery, family death—please contact
Christi Higgins at 320-224-6650.

"I was shocked," Ms. Hill said. "This is something we did not expect."

Utah is home to several fossil sites where



dinosaurs and other ice age animals, including mammoths, mastodons and sabertoothed tigers, have

been discovered. Horses have roamed North America for 50 million years, said Ross MacPhee, a curator in the department of mammalogy at the American Museum of Natural History. During the Pleistocene Era, the continent was dominated by two kinds of horses, he said, adding that he believes today's domesticated horses are linked to one of those breeds. Despite harsh conditions, Mr. MacPhee said, "those horses could live anywhere."

Rick Hunter, a paleontologist at the Museum of Ancient Life, a short drive from the Hill home, said Ms. Hill approached him last month to investigate the family's discovery. He and a team from the museum's lab, where they study dinosaur fossils, went to her home.

The skeleton was missing its head, but was otherwise intact. Mr. Hunter estimated the horse to be the size of a Shetland pony; it was found lying on its left side, with all four legs tucked near its torso. Parts of the skeleton were damaged from exposure to weather. Curious onlookers had picked at the ribs and other bones.

The skeleton was taken back to the museum where it will be cataloged, preserved and repaired. Unlike with dinosaurs, the horse's bones were dehydrated and not yet fossils. Fossilized minerals in bone turn to stone, but the horse was not old enough for that to have happened.

Mr. Hunter also hopes to pin down the horse's age with greater precision. The current estimate of 14,000 to 16,000 years is the team's best guess until it can be studied further. Once the skeleton is reassembled, Mr. Hunter said, he would like it to become a permanent exhibit at the Museum of Ancient Life.

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/03/science/horse-skeleton-utah.html

## **Top Spots For Gem Hunting In The US**

Bonanza Opal Mine, Nevada

If you're gem hunting for fire opals, visit the Bonanza Opal Mine in Denio, Nevada. The mine is open from May to September.

Bonanza Opal Mine is open for the whole family. Kids love Bonanza, where they are free to roam the tailings and dig for fiery, precious opals. Bring the kids for a day of digging.

The staff will take care of you. They'll show you what to look for and how to see

it. If you don't have a small rake, you can rent one. Unlike other mines in the valley with hard clay, the tailings are



dry, rocky soil from the mining operations. The digging is easy—and fun.

All mining is 'weather permitting' • \$70 per day for tailings • Discounts for larger parties and rockhounds with club membership. Dry and wet opals available for sale at the mine.

www.bonanzaopals,com or call 775-375-5955.

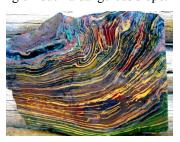
## The World of Jaspers Kaleidoscope

The Kaleidoscope discovery was made by Dale, Derek, and Brian Rhode in the winter of 2007/2008 on a prospecting trip in Oregon. The deposit quickly proved beyond a doubt to be one of the most significant deposits ever discovered in the northwest by its vast varieties of color and pattern and gem quality jasper and agate.

Dale sat in the car while his sons checked

out a promising area. After hours he spotted them on their way down the mountain and the closer they got the more I could see they had loaded packs and sure seemed in a rush for coming off such a dangerous slope.

When they got close enough I could see their faces and all I could see was grins.



### Cuyuna Rock, Gem, and Mineral Society **Board Meeting Minutes** May 12, 2018

The Meeting was brought to order at 12:35 pm by President Ed Opatz. Board members present were: Chuck Durnan- Vice President, Joanie Hanson-Secretary, Kevin Martini- Treasurer, Board members at large - Sharon Smith, Vern Iverson, and Keith Lorensen.

Show Wrap Up – Approximate attendance: 3500 people.

Reviewed how the entrance changes affected the show. We are looking at how it all worked for the inside vendors, customers, and general flow of the show. All thoughts and comments are important to us to make this a successful smooth running show.

We discussed issues with the club concessions. In the future we will only use equipment owned by the club. Also looking at having the concession vendors do the snacks and coffee.

Lisa reported that Kid's Corner was more successful on Sunday due to there being more kids present.

Overall a very successful show.

Picking Places for Kid's Camp- There has been a spot offered and Ed is checking on it.

Club agate pick with Erich Ess May 20th at 1:00pm near Aitkin- an email/or snail mail will be sent to members with map details.

The board voted to allow the use of the new club bags for the kid's camp.

The club picnic will be at the Hallett House in Crosby on July 28th, 11:00 am arrival, will eat at noon, activities after. All members and families welcome. Potluck, with the club will provide hotdogs, brats and

The Franklin Arts program will be August 9 in the evening- more information to follow as we get closer to the date.

The summer show season is starting- there will be signups at the meetings. Please consider signing up for a few hours to help with the spinning wheel at these shows. They are lots of fun.

We will plan an appreciation field trip to "Get Picking" August 11 or 12 depending on availability. The club will pay for the bus and all entrance fees for those that volunteered in some capacity at the show. If you want to come but did not volunteer at the show you must pay your own way.

Treasurer's Report- Kevin is still adding up all the expenses of the show and will post the report at the clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted, Joanie Hanson, Secretary

## Cuyuna Rock, Gem, & Mineral Society on the Web

www.cuyunarockclub.org

#### Cuyuna Rock, Gem, and Mineral Society **General Meeting Minutes** May 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Opatz at 2:20pm. 35 people were present including 5 guests.

Show wrap- Sharon: Many thanks to all of the members that helped with the show- we couldn't have done it without you. Also we couldn't do it without all of the amazing vendors that come to the show. You are what makes for a successful show so many thanks to you as well. Attendance: 3500 people.

The winner of the Show Card Drawing (Amazonite specimen) was Emily Braele The winner of the Grand Prize Drawing (Rock Tumbler) was Jonie Hardenbrock. Ed will contact them and see that they get their prizes. Congratulations to them.

There was a lot of good discussion about how the show went with the new entrance.



## We're on Facebook!

Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society

This is a closed group, so you must ask to join. After being approved you can follow the members' posts and add your own information.

All suggestions were noted and we will con- Cindy Goldenstein, and Kristine Peterson. tinue reviewing vendor suggestions for next year. This is your show so all of your ideas are important in the planning for next year. We have decided to have an Appreciation Field Trip instead of a dinner for all of the people that volunteered in some capacity for the show. It will be August 11 or 12 to "Get Picking" in Cloquet depending on availability. The club will pick up the tab for the bus and the entrance fee. If you did not volunteer at the show but want to attend you will be responsible for your own way.

Franklin Arts Center 10th year celebration will be August 9th a Thursday evening. More info to follow as we get closer to the date.

Summer show schedules are out at meetings and gatherings. Please consider volunteering at one of the shows and at the Fair for a few hours. They are lots of fun.

Agate pick with Erich Ess will be May 20th at 1pm near Aitkin. Directions were mailed or emailed.

Door prize winners were: Kathy Peterson,

Door prizes today were a choice of geodes and cutting them.

Several people had items for show and tell.

Many members have been helping to put the clubhouse and rock room in order to get ready for kid's camp. Many thanks to all of them for their help.

Kid's camp is June 8 & 9, we can still use some more volunteers to help. Contact Marcia Opatz or Joanie Hanson and leave a message if you are able to help.

New club t-shirts and bags are available for purchase at meetings- see Vern.

Respectfully submitted, Joanie Hanson

The Franklin Arts Center is having a 10th anniversary celebration in August. Stay tuned for more information about the Club's role in this event.



#### **June Rock Shows**

1-2—PRICE, UT: Castle Country Rock, Fossil & Mineral Show, Carbon County Event Center; Daily 10-7; free; e-mail: Pbraunrocks@gmail.com

1-3—TULSA, OK: Gem Faire Inc, Expo Square; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$7, Under 12 free; Website: http://www.gem faire.com

1-3—BONNEY LAKE, WA: Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Swiss Park; Daily 10-5; Free; Website: info@puyallup gemclub.org

1-3—FLAGSTAFF, AZ: Coconino Lapidary Club, Silver Saddle Outdoor Market; Fri. & Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Free; Website: flagstaffmineralandrock.org

1-3—COLORADO SPRINGS, CO: Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society, Norris-Penrose Event Center; Fri. & Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5/day \$8/3 days, Under 13 free; Website: www.csms1936.com 1-3—WAUSEON, OH: State Line Gem & Mineral Society, Fulton County Fairgrounds; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-4; \$4, Srs/Students \$3, Under 13 free; Website: statelinegms.com

2—MACUNGIE, PA: PESA, Macungie Memorial Park; Sat. 8:30-3; \$2; e-mail: mineralfest@verizon.net

2—DELTA, CO: Delta County Rock Wranglers, Heddles Recreation Center; 9-5; Free; e-mail: mnasinton@tds.net 2—COLFAX, NC: Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club of NC, Piedmont Triad

Farmers Market; 9-5; Free; Website: www.ggmc-rockhounds.com

2-3—COEUR D'ALENE, ID: North Idaho Mineral Club, Kootenai County Fairgrounds; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$3, Under 12 free; e-mail: Showchair2018@gmail.com 2-3—SPRINGFIELD, MO: Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society, Missouri Institute of Natural Science: Sat. 10-5:30.

Sun. 10-4:30; Free; Website: www.om gms.rocks

2-3—CANANDAIGUA, NY: Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$3, Under 12 free; Website: www.wcgmc.org

2-3—MC CALLA, AL: Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society, Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park; Daily Sat. 9-5; \$5; Website: www.alabama.lapidaryclub.com 2-3—MARION, KY: Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, Fohs Hall; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Free; Website: clementmineral-museum.org

7-10—FAIRPLAY, CO: Jay Penn, Fairplay, CO; Thu.-Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Free;

Website: http://abqfallshow.wixsite.com/fairplay

8-10—CARTERSVILLE, GA: Damian w/Bellpoint Promotions, Clarence Brown Conference Center; Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5, Under 16 free; Website: www.bellpointpromotions.com 8-10—PARK HILLS, MO: Mineral Area Gem Mineral Society, Missouri Mines Historic Site, Fri. & Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-4; Free; Web site: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1249800061698210/8-10—LA HABRA, CA: North Orange County Gem & Mineral, LaHabra Commu-

County Gem & Mineral, LaHabra Community Center; 101 West La Habra Blvd; Fri. 5-8, Sat. & Sun. 10-5; Free; Website: www.nocgms.com

8-10—RALEIGH, NC: Frank Cox Productions, North Carolina State Fair; Daily 10am-5pm; Free; Website: frankcoxproductions.com

9—KENT, CT: Connecticut Museum of Mining & Mineral Science, 9-4; Free; Website: www.ctamachinery.com

9—LEES SUMMIT, MO: David & Judy Stahl, 603 SE Green; 9-4; Free; e-mail: lsdandj@att.net

9-10—SAN FRANCISCO, CA: Pacific Crystal Guild, Fort Mason Center; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$12, Under 12 free; Website: www.crystalfair.com

9-10—BUTTE, MT: Butte Mineral & Gem Club, Butte Civic Center Annex; 1340 Harrison Avenue; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; \$3, Under 12 free; contact Pete Knudsen, (406) -490-5828.

9-10—GLENDORA, CA: Glendora Gems, Goddard Middle School; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free; e-mail: ybidwell2@aol.com
9-10—ESCONDIDO, CA: Palomar Gem & Mineral Club; 340 N. Escondido Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5, Srs/Students \$3; Website: www.palomargem.org/annual-gemmineral-and-jewelry-show/

15-16—QUARRYVILLE, PA: Lancaster County Fossil & Mineral Club, Solanco Fairgrounds, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-4; \$3; Web site: https://www.facebook.com/Lancaster FossilandMineralClub

15-17—MARBLETON, WY: Sublette County Rock Hounds, Sublette County Fairgrounds, Fri. & Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; \$2, Under 12 free; e-mail: jimgray@ wyoming.com

15-17—SANDY, UT: Gem Faire Inc, South Towne Expo Center; Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$7, Under 12 free; Website: http://www.gemfaire.com 15-17—REEDSPORT, OR: Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society, Reed-

Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society, Reedsport Community Building; Fri. & Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free; Website: ReedsportRockandGemShow.com

22-24—SAN DIEGO, CA: Gem Faire Inc, Scottish Rite Center; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$7, Under 12 free; Website: http://www.gemfaire.com
23-24—NEW YORK, NY: New York
Mineralogical Club, Watson Hotel; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; \$6, Under 12 free; Website: www.newyorkmineralogicalclub.org
23-24—CULVER CITY, CA: Culver City Rock & Mineral Club, Veterans Memorial Auditorium; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Free; Website: http://www.culvercityrocks.org/

#### **June 2018-July 2018**

29-1—FARMINGTON, NM: San Juan County Gem & Mineral Society, McGee Park, San Juan County Fairgrounds; Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Free; e-mail: torycbonner@gmail.com 29-1—SISTERS, OR: Karmic Beads & Gems & CRS Grippers, Creekside Park; Fri. & Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Free; Website: www.karmicbeadsandgems.rocks 29-1—ELDON, MO: Osage Rock & Mineral Club, Eldon Community Center; Fri. 2 -6, Sat. & Sun. 9-6; Free; e-mail: ormc2018show@centurylink.net 30-1—GRAPEVINE, TX: Arlington Gem & Mineral Club, Grapevine Convention Center; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$6, Srs/ Students/Children \$5; Website: www.agemclub.org



#### Rock Room

Here is an inventory of what is available for Club members to

purchase. Stop in when you come to the Clubhouse!

Grit and Polish Montana Moss & Blue Agate Montana Petrified Wood Oregon Geodes Chalcedony Desert Rose Plume Agate Yellow Jasper Bruno Jasper Owyhee Picture Jasper Brazilian Agates Amethyst Tee Pee Canyon Agate Hauser Bed Agate—not priced yet Slabs of all sizes and types Condor Agate Septarian Nodules 79 Bed Geodes—Oregon Moroccan White Agate Various slabs of many sizes

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#### **Notes from the President**

Thanks again for all the help at the show, and a special thanks to all non-members that helped too. Please thank them when you see them. It was a great event.

We are still looking for places to pick agates this summer. PLEASE talk to landowners to see if you can find somewhere to look. I am also contacting another club president about a recent field trip that they took.

I will be working on the Utah field trip. If you have ideas of where to go in that state, or somewhere along the way, please let me know.

I have been contacted by the Minnesota Mineral Club about going together on field trips. If you have an opinion on this, also let me know.

Ed Opatz

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